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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting John Bross announced that a panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board would meet Friday afternoon, 11 October, to consider personnel security practices. Pat Coyne and Jimmy Doolittle, however, would like to meet prior to that time with someone other than those who will appear at the Friday meeting. Bob Bannerman was designated to meet with them and was scheduled to do so at 11:30 this morning.

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2. [REDACTED] telephoned to give me a summary of his observations on the fire drill yesterday. They are:

a. Total evacuation took eighteen minutes.

b. There was considerable jamming of personnel around the exits, and there were cars parked at the curb picking up people, all of which contributed to jamming.

c. There were at least twelve or fifteen calls to the Night Security Office by personnel who did not know what the bells meant.

d. There was also considerable confusion in reporting by wardens.

e. With regard to the failure of the Office of Special Activities to evacuate, further investigation indicated that some of them did not hear the alarm and that many who did, did not know what it meant. In any case, it does not appear that they merely ignored the entire exercise and refused to participate.

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3. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he was meeting with [REDACTED] this afternoon to emphasize the Office of Training's reservations about Project USEFUL if the Deputy Director (Plans) insists on withholding information.

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4. Having learned that the Director's remarks at the opening of the Mid-career Course were not written and not recorded, I have asked [REDACTED] to send copies of the Director's remarks at the Longevity Awards Ceremony to all persons who attend the Senior Staff Meeting.

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5. At the Executive Committee Meeting the Director again mentioned [REDACTED] and asked that we make sure that we are in touch with McGeorge Bundy on this.

6. The Director asked General Carter to expedite as much as possible the coordinated recommendations on the possibility of surfacing OXCART. (I gather that General Carter and others with whom he has consulted in the Agency are not disposed to do this. The Director, on the other hand, seems to think that the whole thing is going to blow any day and that we must have some plan.)

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7. The Director also asked [REDACTED] to develop immediately a history of the [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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9. [REDACTED] was in to talk with me again about a replacement for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] He suggested either [REDACTED] from the Office of Logistics 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] from NPIC. I told him that either would be satisfactory to me. (He is going to talk this over with [REDACTED] over the weekend and 25X1A9a
will probably make some specific request next week.)

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